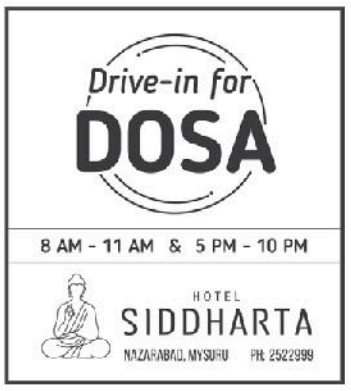

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Jakkur flight school MOVING to Mysuru?

- No word yet on shifting flying school to Mysuru, says Airport Director
- Relocation to hamper Mysore Airport growth & tourism, says former MP

P.V. Ushakumari *Prathap Simha*

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RK&BCT)- In a move that could impact the civil aviation sector in Mysuru, the State Government is reportedly considering relocating the **Government Flying Training School (GFTS) from Jakkur in Bengaluru — a heritage aviation institution — to Mysore Airport at Mandakalli.**

An Expert Committee has been formed to examine the relocation proposal. The panel met last week to discuss the modalities of the shift and has been tasked with submitting a detailed report to the Government.

According to reports from Bengaluru, the State Government, in a November 2025 letter to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), expressed interest in moving GFTS to Mysuru. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is said to be keen on implementing the proposal in his hometown.

The GFTS at Jakkur, established in 1950, is one of India's oldest flying schools. The land on which it stands was gifted by the Maharaja of Mysore, Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar, specifically for aviation training.

Director of Mysore Airport, P.V. Ushakumari, confirmed receiving a notice to attend the committee meeting last week but was unable to participate. "I could not attend, and a representative from our head office may have been present. Currently, I have no information regarding any decision to shift GFTS from Bengaluru to Mysuru," she said.

'Detrimental to Mysuru region'

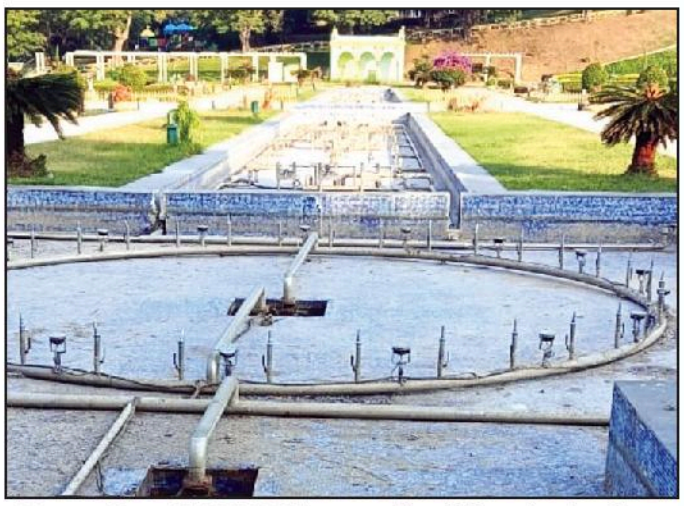
While Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar was not available for comments as he is in the Parliament Winter Session in New Delhi, former MP Prathap Simha has reacted strongly to the shifting of GFTS to Mysuru.

The Mysore Airport must remain a civilian airport and should not be handed over to GFTS, as it will hinder the development in the region, he said.

(See JAKKUR on page 7)

Fountains Shut at KRS

- Tourists still pay entry fee, parking charges; dry fountains till Dec. 19
- REASON: Hydraulic model study underway at Brindavan Gardens by Karnataka Engineering Research Station



Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RK&BCT)- Hundreds of tourists visiting the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam and the iconic Brindavan Gardens have been returning disappointed for over a week now, particularly on weekends, as none of the colourful fountains in the Gardens are functioning.

Visitors from various parts of Karnataka and outside the State said they were unaware of the disruption and felt let down after reaching the popular tourist destination, famed for its illuminated musical fountains and landscaped lawns.

Many said absence of the much-hyped musical fountain shows had significantly diminished the charm of the Gardens, especially during the evening hours when the lights are on and crowds peak.

Rs. 100 entry fee for dry displays

Tourists complained that no prior announcement or signage informed them about the non-functional fountains, leading to confusion and frustration. Per day, about 3,000 to 4,000 tourists visit KRS and Brindavan Gardens, with the number rising to 6,000 - 7,000 on weekends and crossing 10,000 during holidays.

"We travelled a long distance to enjoy musical fountain show. There was no prior information about fountains not functioning. An entry fee of Rs. 100 per person was collected at toll gate and Rs. 100 was charged for parking. Instead, we are seeing dry fountains, with even dogs sleeping inside them," a tourist said.

(See KRS on page 7)

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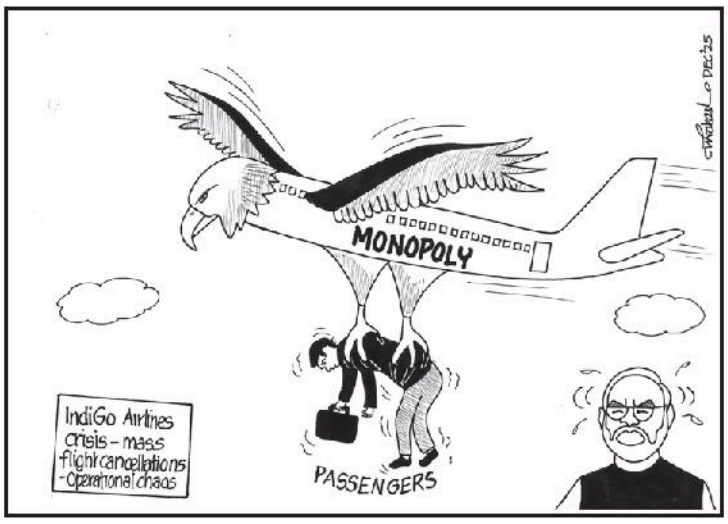
TEASER

By N. Prakash



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LIKES, DISLIKES AND IGNORANCE: *We need to give up our desire for those things that are impermanent. Not only wealth, but our families too come under this category. Parents, siblings, spouse, children — these are connections we have in one birth. When life ends, who knows where the departed soul will be? It might take birth anywhere. If a relative acquires atma jnana in this janma, then that atma will attain liberation. In any case, our bonds with our families are not permanent. But the jnana that we get through the grace of God lasts forever, said So. So. Meenakshisundaram in a discourse.*

Why then do we think in terms of me and mine? While it is true that even wealth can only come with God's blessings, we must not ask Him for riches. Arunagirinatha in his Kandar Anubhuti says he has had the good fortune of receiving jnana from Muruga Himself, who is the son of Goddess Parvati, the daughter of Himavan. The moment Muruga blessed him with jnana, Arunagirinatha was able to perceive a transformation in himself. He was no longer bound by attachments of any kind. Tiruvalluvar talks of three blemishes — kaamam, veguli and mayakkam (likes, dislikes and ignorance). He says that if you are without these blemishes, you will not experience sorrow. Thirumoolar too talks of these three undesirable traits in his Thirumantiram. He says that when he had rid himself of kaamam, veguli and mayakkam and was searching for the Truth, he heard the pranava, like the sound of a bell. When he analysed the pranava, he found the Supreme Truth in it. In Kandar Anubhuti, Arunagirinatha says Murugan vanquished the three bad qualities and imparted jnana to him.— In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

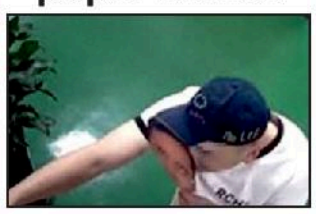
The densely populated island

San Bernardo Archipelago: Santa Cruz del Islote, an islet in Colombia's San Bernardo Archipelago, only covers the area of two football fields, but it has a population of over 1,200 people.

Officially, Santa Cruz del Islote has an area of just 0.012 square kilometres and has a population of around 1,200 people, which makes it the most densely populated island in the world, by far. Many of the locals don't like that label very much and insist that the community only numbers around 900 people, but even if that were true, it's still an incredibly crammed space.

Drinking water has to be shipped from the mainland every wee, and poverty is an undeniable problem, but the locals claim there is no crime and the risk of getting hit by a car is non-existent, because there are no cars.

Staff skip work by using paper masks



Beijing: Civil servants were caught using masks of their colleagues' faces to trick facial recognition systems and help them skip work.

Several members of staff at a neighbourhood committee in Wenzhou City, in eastern China's Zhejiang province, were suspected of aiding co-workers to skip work by wearing printed masks of their faces to trick the facial recognition system. They were thus able to clock in without actually showing up for work.

It is unknown how many members of staff were involved, or how they managed to fool the facial recognition software with what looks like paper cut-outs of people's faces, but their method was discovered after several of the offenders were caught by the CCTV camera above the facial scanner.

The secretary of a neighbourhood committee, a man surnamed Li, is suspected of leading a group to skip work.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Heart muscle reacts quickly to reduced blood flow

When blood supply drops, heart muscle efficiency reduces within minutes—often before severe symptoms appear. Early treatment helps preserve strength and long-term function.

By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

MCC distributes sewing machines to beneficiaries

Mysuru, Dec.15 - Sewing machines were distributed to the beneficiaries of Ward No.8 by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Citizens Service Centre and MCC Zonal Office-7. More than 30 residents from Hanumanthanagar, Bannimantap, HUDCO, Vande Mataram Colony and surrounding areas were given the sewing machines.

Staff of MCC Zonal Office-7 Somu, social activist Mohamamad Khaleel-Ur-Rehman, Haroon Rashid, Unique Youth Foundation Rajivnagar President Mudaseer Ali Khan, Secretary Mujakir Ali Khan, DCC members Majeed Ahmed, Mehaboob Khadri and others were present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.18 feet**	Today's level **2,275.56 feet**	Today's level **2,831.26 feet**
Last year's level **124.80 feet**	Last year's level **2,279.98 feet**	Last year's level **2,834.63 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.20 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.52 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,831.57 feet**
Today's Inflow **2,498 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **952 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **149 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,292 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **633 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Vegavis is a bird species that lived 66.5 million years ago on the Antarctic coast. Its skeleton suggests it could fly and dive using its feet for propulsion, just like ducks. However, its sound box resembled those of geese and likely made honking noises.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *When do 2 and 2 make more than 4?*
Clever boy: *22!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 90.72**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 121.25**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 24.70**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 106.46**

VOICE OF THE READER

Balanced plan for stray dog regulation

Sir,

This refers to the recent Supreme Court order regarding the removal of stray dogs from public places.

I am 83 years old and have lived with dogs throughout my life. Over the years, I have taken several anti-rabies vaccinations — from bites by my own dogs as well as by strays while trying to protect my pets on the streets.

Without commenting on the merits or demerits of recent judicial directions, I offer the following suggestions from a practical and humanitarian perspective:

In locations where stray dogs have become a public concern, they may be rounded up and given a medical examination.

Sick and healthy stray dogs may be separated and all dogs may be assigned a unique identification number.

A press note may be issued to invite voluntary adoption by interested individuals, who can register with Aadhaar and submit an affidavit stating that the adopted dogs will not be allowed to return to the streets and that they will be responsible for their compliance.

Healthy dogs that are not adopted may be cared for by Government animal shelters or recognised animal welfare organisations, with appropriate checks and monitoring.

The above suggestions are made keeping in mind that human life is more valuable than animal life.

—Vasanthkumar
Mysoremath, Social Activist
Tilaknagar
10.12.2025

SDM-IMD to host Intl. Conference on Human-Centric HR 5.0

Mysuru, Dec.15- The Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Chamundi Hill Road, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, will host its 13th International Conference on "HR 5.0: The Human-Centric Future of Work" on Dec.18 and 19.

The event is organised under the aegis of BCIC-SDM-IMD Centre for Management Excellence and aims to bring together leading thinkers, industry professionals and academicians to deliberate on evolving landscape of human resource management.

The conference will focus on HR 5.0, a progressive paradigm that combines the effectiveness of cutting-edge technologies — such as artificial intelligence, automation and data analytics — with the enduring values of empathy, inclusivity and human relationships.

HR 5.0 aims to build a workplace where digital innovation supports, but does not replace human capital and where organisations flourish with a people-centric approach.

The two-day conference will host a distinguished line-up of experts from diverse domains within Human Resource Management.

The inaugural ceremony on Dec. 18 will feature addresses by Dr. Kiranpreett Kaur, Chief of People, CPM India and Rajesh Jha, Country Sustainability Manager, ABB India, who will share insights on shaping a human-centric future of work.

The valedictory on Dec. 19 will be attended by Jahangir Shaikh, Director - HRBP, Zepto, as the chief guest. The conference will also include technical sessions led by eminent speakers such as Prof. Kamal Jain, Director of FROST and Distinguished Professor at IIM Raipur and Hemlata Ramu, Senior Director - HR, Biocon Biologics.

A key highlight of the conference will be a panel discussion on "Leveraging Technology for Human-Centricity at Work." The panel includes Atul Sharma, National Vice-President ISTD& Founding Director, Solutions Wilcom Company; Smitha Bopanna, Director, Noesys Software Pvt Ltd. and Naresh Babu Deevi, Chief Growth Officer, Husys Consulting Limited.

Wins silver medal in Karate

Rithanya Bhargav, a Grade 2 student of I Can International School, Mysuru, has won a silver medal in the U-10 Girls Kata category, at Mysuru Kata Championship organised by Mysore Karate Association at the University of Mysore.

Graduation Day at VVIET

Vidya Vikas toppers seen with chief guest Dilip Krishnaswamy, Director of C-DOT, Bengaluru; M.V. Ritesh Gowda, Chairman of VVET and Karibasappa Kwadiki, Principal.

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Graduation is not the end of learning but only the beginning, said Dilip Krishnaswamy, Director of C-DOT, Bengaluru.

Delivering the Graduation Day address at Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology (VVIET) here recently, he urged students to embrace lifelong learning, personal growth and the continuous pursuit of excellence as they step into a new chapter of their lives.

Krishnaswamy reminded the graduates that learning extends far beyond the classroom. As they move into their careers or pursue higher education, he encouraged them to keep improving themselves every day. Instead of comparing themselves with others, he advised them to compete with their own past selves, asking whether they have become better individuals than they were yesterday.

He emphasised the importance of following one's passion, staying adaptable and viewing life's challenges as opportunities for growth. Enjoying the journey, he said, is as important as reaching the destination.

Addressing concerns about the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), he reassured the students that AI is not a threat to their jobs but a tool that can elevate their work.

He encouraged them to become experts in the areas they are truly passionate about and to integrate AI meaningfully into those fields.

M.V. Ritesh Gowda, Chairman of VVET, highlighted that the years spent at Vidya Vikas had instilled knowledge, resilience and the ability to solve problems creatively.

He urged graduates to use their skills to contribute to national development and stay connected to the institution as responsible alumni.

VVIET Principal Karibasappa Kwadiki welcomed.

A total of 291 graduates, including 149 boys and 142 girls, received their degrees. The institute honoured toppers C.S. Suman from Computer Science Engineering; N. Chandana from Electronics and Communication Engineering; Y.A. Kishore from Electrical and Electronics Engineering; A.N. Charitra from Information Science and Engineering; and R. Ullas from Civil Engineering.

Bihar's Nitin Nabin is BJP National Working President

Nitin Nabin

New Delhi, Dec. 15 (Agencies)- The BJP Parliamentary Board has appointed Bihar Minister and five-time MLA Nitin Nabin as the National Working President of the party with immediate effect. Widely regarded as an organisational leader, Nabin currently represents the Bankipur Assembly Constituency in Patna and holds the Road Construction portfolio in the Nitish Kumar-led Bihar Government.

Nitin Nabin is the son of veteran BJP leader and former MLA late Nabin Kishore Prasad Sinha. At 45, Nabin is the youngest Working President in the party's history and the first BJP leader from Bihar to be appointed to the post.

Nabin has held several key roles within the party, including Bihar President of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) and the BJP's election in-charge for Chhattisgarh.

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NEWS BRIEFS

BCCI U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy

The Karnataka State Cricket Association, Mysuru Zone will be hosting the BCCI U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy match between Karnataka and Maharashtra at Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Stadium, Manasagangothri for Dec. 16 to 19, according to KSCA Mysuru Zone Convenor P. Srinivas Prasad.

Dhanurmasa Puja at Suttur

As part of Dhanurmasa, special pujas will be performed at cluster temples in Suttur, Nanjangud — Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Kartru Gadduge, Sri Mahadeshwara, Sri Veerabhadreshwara, Sri Someshwara and Sri Narayanaswamy Temples — from Dec. 16, 2025 to Jan. 14, 2026.

Prostate gland screening camp

A prostate gland screening camp has been organised at Suyog Hospital in Ramakrishnanagar from Dec. 15 to 20. Nephrologist Dr. Abhijith will lead the camp. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2533600 or Mob: 99863-99862.

Ph.D awardee

K.P. Ganesh has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Prajavani' Kathaspardheya Kathegala Adhyayana (Prajavani Deepavali Kathaspardeyalli Bahumana Padeda Sannakathegalannu Anulakshisi) submitted under the guidance of Dr. H.T. Venkatesh Murthy.

ZP, TP elections by April 2026

Belagavi, Dec. 15 (DM)- After a long delay, the State Cabinet which met here recently, has finally decided to complete the process of holding ZP (Zilla Panchayat) and TP (Taluk Panchayat) polls by April 2026.

The tenure of almost all ZPs and TPs in the State had ended in April 2021 and fresh elections were pending since then. But now, the Government has decided to conduct the polls, for which all preparations will be done by April 2026. The cabinet also decided to co-operate with the Election Commission for the conduct of polls.

Tech-driven crimes rising; laws need updating: MGP

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (SPN&BCT)- With rapid technological advancement, the nature of crime has also evolved, necessitating periodic updates to the law to tackle cybercrimes such as 'digital arrest', members observed at the monthly meeting of the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP).

The need for the State and Central Governments to jointly deliberate and frame appropriate laws was emphasised, where members interacted with Narasimharaja Sub-Division ACP Matthew Thomas on issues related to law and order and crime prevention.

Members raised concerns over fraudulent messages about money being debited from bank accounts, fraudsters impersonating Police officials on Facebook and demanding money, and the lack of response from Cyber Police Stations even after complaints were filed.

Responding to these concerns, ACP Thomas said earlier crimes were largely limited to house break-ins and petty thefts, whereas technology-driven crimes now dominate.

"Criminals operating from other countries are targeting local bank accounts. To effectively curb such crimes, the State and Central Governments must hold discussions and frame updated policies in consultation with experts," he said.

Narasimharaja Sub-Division ACP Matthew Thomas discussing cyber crime prevention at the monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) in Yadavagiri last evening.

Confused about traffic fine?

If there is any confusion regarding a traffic fine issued for violation of traffic rules, motorists can verify the AI-captured image on the Police department's website or at fine-payment centres.

If the vehicle shown in the image does not belong to them, they may contact the Police department and the case will be withdrawn. For further clarification, motorists can contact the Mysuru City AI Camera Control Room at 0821-2418595 or the DCP (Traffic) at 94898 92203.

Members also complained about footpath encroachments by roadside vendors, which force pedestrians onto roads and lead to accidents, alleging inadequate Police action. ACP Thomas said that encroachments will be cleared in phases.

Concerns were also expressed over the use of fake number plates on two-wheelers involved in wheeling and theft, resulting in traffic fines being wrongly imposed on innocent vehicle owners.

Beat Police System

Members suggested reviving the earlier practice of beat Police patrolling on bicycles and blowing whistles, which acted as a deterrent to thieves. ACP Thomas said the system still exists but is less common as younger personnel are reluctant to use whistles. He assured that the suggestion would be reconsidered.

The easy availability of ganja and opium among youth in Mysuru was another concern raised.

ACP Thomas said solvent abuse among minors was increasing and was more dangerous than ganja or opium. Police are monitoring crime hotspots and strengthening enforcement.

Members urged the Police to hold monthly public meetings in all Police Station limits to facilitate better communication.

Several MGP members including Shobha Sambashivan, D.V. Dayanandasagar, K.G. Shashidhar, P. Rakesh, Prabha Nandeesh, K.V. Banuprashanth, H.T. Raviprakash, S.V. Shankar, S. Harish, Malavika Gubbivani, Raghunandan, S.K. Dinesh and Dr. Renu Agarwal, were present.

Suspected Honey Trap Case

Two more arrested; Cops launch hunt to nab other accused

Madikeri, Dec. 15 (PS&KS)- Madikeri Police have arrested two more accused in the suspected honey trapping case bringing the total number of arrests to four including two women. The Cops have launched a hunt to trace and arrest two more accused in the case.

The two accused, who were arrested yesterday are 25-year-old B.A. Darshan Rai, an employee of a paint shop and a resident of Dechur Housing Board Colony in the town and 31-year-old S. Ravi, an auto driver.

The two women who were arrested on Saturday are Rachana and her mother Malathi, residents of Ashokapura on Siddapura Road.

It may be recalled that the victim identified as identified as H.P. Mahadeva (39), a native of Maddur in Mandya district, presently residing at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru had gone to Madikeri to meet his Facebook friend Rachana, when Rachana's mother and one of the accused Dinesh questioned him about Rs. 10,000 which he had lent to Rachana.

B.A. Darshan

S. Ravi

Later, Dinesh along with other accused disrobed Mahadeva, assaulted him and demanded Rs. 50,000 to let him go.

But Mahadeva, on the pretext of answering nature's call managed to escape in his underwear and ran to Madikeri Town Police Station and lodged a complaint, following which the Police arrested Rachana and her mother Malathi on Saturday besides launching a hunt to nab the other accused.

Yesterday, the Police arrested two more accused, bringing the number of arrests to four and are on the lookout for other two accused.

Cash, smoking pipe in Mysuru Jail

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (KS)- The Mysuru Jail authorities and Mandi Police, following seizure of narcotic substance which was being smuggled into the jail on Friday, conducted a surprise raid of a few cells yesterday.

The surprise raid was conducted from 4 pm to 6.15 pm in Cell No. 17 and 21 in Undertrial Wing; Cell No. 16 in Convicts Wing and Cell No. 23 in Security Cell Wing.

During the inspection, Rs. 500 cash was found with accused Akash lodged at Cell No. 23 in Security Cell Wing and clay chillum (smoking pipe) used to smoke marijuana at Cell No. 17 in the Undertrial Wing, which have been handed over to Mandi Police.

It may be recalled that one Roopa, who had come to meet accused Akash, had attempted to smuggle narcotic substance into the jail on instruction from one Suresh and both of them were taken into custody on Friday.

Six truckloads of waste removed from Kapila River

Nanjangud, Dec. 15 (BCT)- Yuva Brigade's "Kapila Kare" campaign, a large-scale cleaning drive of the sacred Kapila River in Nanjangud, drew strong support from several organisations and hundreds of youth volunteers. The river-cleaning initiative, which began on Friday, concluded on Sunday.

Over the three days, volunteers from Yuva Brigade, the Srikanteshwara Boat Association, Dharmasthala volunteers, students of NIE College, Mysuru, Rotary members and youths from Kempegowda Layout cleaned the Kapila riverbank near the renowned Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud, popularly known as Dakshina Kashi.

On Sunday, a large number of volunteers removed waste dumped in the River, including discarded clothes, earthen pots, malas, deity photographs, plastic covers and other puja materials.

Nearly six truckloads of waste were cleared, helping restore the river's clean and smooth flow. Volunteers also appealed to devotees to refrain from disposing of clothes and puja waste in the river, stressing the need for responsible practices and environmental awareness.

The Nanjangud City Municipal Council supported the drive by providing trucks and an earth mover for waste disposal, while the Srikanteshwara Temple arranged meals for the volunteers, which were served as prasada at the riverbank.

State Yuva Brigade Convener Chandrashekhar, Nanjangud Taluk Yuva Brigade Convener Chandan, along with Sunil, Girish, Ravishastri, Ravi, Mahadev, Pavan, Soori, Prajwal, Charan, Arjun, and Shashank, participated in the drive.

Members of the Srikanteshwara Boat Association, including Suresh, Rangaswamy Subbanna and Chandru Srikanta, Dharmaraj from Dharmasthala, Rotary member Muruli, Raghavendra from Kempegowda Layout and NIE students Naik, Sanjan, Pavan, Ramith and Yana Seethamma were also present among the hundreds of volunteers.

Chamundeshwari areas to come under Greater Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (MK&BCT)- Several localities in the Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency will soon be brought under the Greater Mysuru limits, a move expected to resolve long-pending civic issues, said Chamundeshwari MLA and former Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD).

He was speaking at the fourth annual day and grievance-redressal meeting of Ravindranath Tagore Nagar (R.T. Nagar) Residents' Welfare and Cultural Association, held near the Ring Road in Mysuru on Sunday.

Devegowda assured residents that all basic infrastructure issues in R.T. Nagar would be addressed and the area developed into a well-planned neighbourhood.

He announced that the drinking-water problem in R.T. Nagar and across the Chamundeshwari Constituency would be fully resolved within six months.

"Every household will receive Cauvery water and there will be no drinking-water shortage for the next 50 years," he said.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda addressing the grievance-redressal meeting of R.T. Nagar Residents' Welfare and Cultural Association in Mysuru on Sunday.

Road and underground drainage works would be taken up in phases, while waste collection would be carried out four days a week. Adequate street lighting would be provided within the next three months, he said.

"I will personally visit the locality regularly to hear grievances and a progress-review meeting will be held next month," he added.

Plan for Police sub-station

Responding to complaints about thefts and rowdy activities in R.T. Nagar, Devegowda said a Police sub-station was essential as residents could not depend solely on the Jayapura Police Station.

GTD assured that discussions would be held with Police officials to establish a sub-station in the vicinity.

The meeting was attended by R.T. Nagar Residents' Welfare and Cultural Association President Rajesh, Vice-President Shripad Rao, Treasurer Mallikarjuna, Secretary Srinivasamurthy, Joint Secretary Mahesh and members Appanna and Ramaswamy, among others.

> Many people still do not fully understand whom they should vote for. I campaigned day and night when Prathap Simha and Yaduveer contested elections. However, during my own Assembly election, the support was opposite. I have known the Chamundeshwari Constituency for 50 years and understand its needs clearly. With everyone's co-operation, I am working to address them.
>
> **– G.T. Devegowda, MLA, Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency**

HDK's 66th birthday tomorrow

Union Minister to participate in various programmes at Mandya and Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK), who will be celebrating his 66th birthday tomorrow, will be taking part in various programmes in Mandya and Mysuru.

Kumaraswamy

He will arrive at 8 am in Maddur and receive felicitation from JD(S) party workers at T.B. Circle. Later, he will take part in the felicitation programme to be held at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar (Sanjay) Circle at 8.30 am in Mandya. This will be followed by a felicitation programme near Srirangapatna Bus Stand at 9 am.

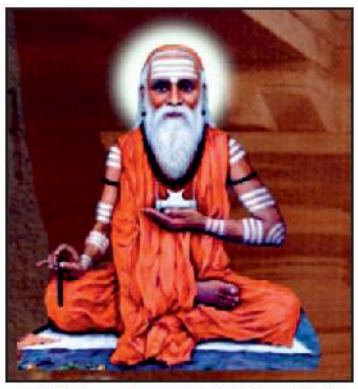
Following this, Kumaraswamy will arrive in Mysuru at 10 am and visit Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and offer special puja. Later, he will return to Malavalli in Mandya and take part in the 1066th Jayanti celebrations of Adijagadguru Sri Shivarathri Shivayogi Swamiji along with President Droupadi Murmu.

1066th Jayanti of Sri Shivarathri Shivayogi Swamiji

Droupadi Murmu to inaugurate the event at Malavalli in Mandya tomorrow

- President to stay overnight at Radisson Blu Plaza in Mysuru
- Officials from New Delhi conduct mock drill of IAF helicopter

IAF personnel conducting a safety audit ahead of President Droupadi Murmu's visit, at the helipad in Marehalli, near Malavalli in Mandya district yesterday.



Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Shivayogi Swamiji

Mysuru, (RK&BS)- President of India Droupadi Murmu, will formally inaugurate seven-day 1066th Jayanti Mahotsava of Adi Jagadguru of Suttur Mutt Sri Shivarathri Shivayogi Swamiji, tomorrow (Dec.16) at 3.15 pm, at Shanti College Grounds in the town. Meanwhile, the Jayanti celebration has begun today.

A huge dais has been built to host the event, being organised on 33-acre vast expanse of the grounds.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Union Minister for Steel and Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy, Agriculture Minister and Mandya District in-Charge N. Cheluvarayaswamy and Malavalli MLA P.M. Narendraswamy, will be participating in the event.

CM Siddaramaiah will also be participating in the valedictory of the Jayanti Mahotsava on Dec. 21.

President's schedule

President Droupadi Murmu will be arriving in IAF flight from New Delhi and touchdown at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli at 2.10 pm.

Droupadi Murmu

She will be later travelling in a helicopter to the Marehalli helipad in Malavalli, from where she will travel by road to reach Shanti College Grounds, located at a distance of 4-km from the helipad. The President will be travelling in high-security car, along with elite security personnel.

The vehicular traffic will be blocked for sometime on National Highway (NH), during the President's arrival.

The banners and buntings and other publicity materials are banned on the route, with all precautionary measures taken from the helipad at Marehalli to the programme venue, via Kollegal and Mysuru road.

Following the event, the President will be flying back to Mysore Airport in Mandakalli at 5.20 pm, in a chopper.

After landing at Mysore Airport, the President will be travelling by road to Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza on M.G. Road in Mysuru city, for overnight stay.

On Dec. 17 at 9.30 am, the President will be departing Mysore Airport in the IAF aircraft.

Security arrangements

In view of the President's visit, elaborate security arrangements have been made in the town, with about 1,000 Policemen deployed for the same. Four Additional SP rank officers, nine Dy.SPs, 35 Circle Police Inspectors (CPI), 125 Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASI), six platoons of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) force, eight District Armed Reserve (DAR) Police, three platoons of Quick Reaction Team (QRT), are a part of the security arrangements.

The District Administration has left no stone unturned, to make it a hassle-free visit for the first citizen of the country.

Mock drill

Yesterday, a team of officials from Indian Air Force (IAF), New Delhi, did a mock drill of helicopter, pertaining to the landing and take-off at the helipad, to assess the condition. DC Dr. Kumara, DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah and SP Mallikarjun Baladandi were present.

Free workshop and dental check-up at Farooqia

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Farooqia Dental College, Mysuru, in association with Al Gnana Education, conducted a free hands-on workshop and free dental check-up for the students of Regional School of Learning in city recently.

The workshop included hands-on science and mathematics activities for teachers and students, where participants built various models based on different science and mathematics concepts. Students also interacted with the Shiksha Robot and were excited about the activities. Teachers felt that such regular activities help build scientific curiosity and skill among students. The workshop was conducted in the presence of U.D. Indiresh, Programme Director of Al Gnana Education, Akshay Mashalkar, Founder of Experimind Lab Nitte & Puja Shree.

Dr. Srinath, Director of Farooqia Dental College, emphasised the importance of spreading dental awareness along with igniting scientific temper among students.

The institution is also offering free workshops. Interested schools can utilise this opportunity by contacting Mob: 96866-51061.

Oldest MLA Dr. Shamanur Shivashankarappa dies at 95

Last rites at Davangere this evening with full State Honours

Bengaluru/ Davangere, Dec. 15 (Agencies)- Veteran Congress leader and oldest MLA of the country, Dr. Shamanur Shivashankarappa, passed away due to age-related illness at a private hospital in Bengaluru yesterday. He was 95.

He is survived by three sons including Mines and Geology Minister S.S. Mallikarjun, four daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and a large number of grandchildren. Dr. Prabha Mallikarjun, the MP of Davangere Lok Sabha Constituency, is his daughter-in-law.

After bringing his body to his hometown Davangere, the mortal remains of Shivashankarappa was kept at the premises of his son S.S. Mallikarjun's house in Kuvempunagar locality in Davangere from 10 am to 12 noon.

Later, the body was taken in a procession on a bamboo made hearse, to the high school campus in the town, to enable public to pay their last respects.

Last rites this evening

The last rites of Shivashankarappa will be performed according to the Veerashaiva-Lingayat tradition at the family owned Kalleshwara Rice Mill premises in the town this evening at 5 pm. Shivashankarappa will be laid to rest next to his late wife Parvatamma's grave, according to family sources.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, All India Congress Committee (AICC) President M. Mallikarjun Kharge, KPCC President & Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and several other dignitaries will be attending the funeral.

Assembly mourns

The ongoing Winter Session of the Legislative Assembly, being held at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi today, declared adjourned for a day by Speaker U.T. Khader, after observing a minute's silence, to condole the death of Shivashankarappa.

Dr. Shamanur Shivashankarappa

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah sang paeans of the departed leader, who had remained a staunch Congressman till his death.

Rahul consoles

Following Shivashankarappa's death, former Congress President and MP Rahul Gandhi, called the family members of Shivashankarappa over phone from New Delhi and consoled them, it is said.

Condolences

Dignitaries from various walks of life, including Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, CM Siddaramaiah, Dy. CM D.K. Shivakumar, Union Minister and Mandya MP H.D. Kumaraswamy, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers Pralhad Joshi, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, G.D. Harish Gowda, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra and Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose, have expressed their condolences, upon the demise of Shivashankarappa.

An MLA, former MP, Educationist, bizman

A six-time MLA, representing Davangere South Constituency in the Legislative Assembly, Shivashankarappa had won the Lok Sabha elections from Davangere Constituency once. He had also served as the Horticulture Minister in the Cabinet of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, between 2013 and 2015. He had served Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) as its Treasurer, for a longer period.

When COVID-19 pandemic struck the country, Shivashankarappa purchased vaccine valued above Rs. 2 crore and got the constituents of his Davangere North seat inoculated, showing his large concern for the society.

Shivashankarappa, who was popularly known as 'Davangere Dhani' (Lord of Davangere), for being an affluent person, was not just a leader, also an educationist and businessman.

He was the Chairman of Bapuji Educational Institutions, that ran Medical, Engineering, PUC and First Grade Colleges, along with several other institutions. He was a rice merchant and owned Kalleshwara Rice Mill.

Being the President of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha since the year 2012, Shivashankarappa had served the community in various capacities. When a dispute arose between Veerashaiva and Lingayat, with the sub-sects fighting for separate community status, Shivashankarappa showed temerity, declaring both Veerashaiva and Lingayats as one, silencing the dissenting tones.

St. Joseph's Central School emerges Carol Singing Champions

Carollers of St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar, posing with the Champions of the Year trophy.

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (VVH&KS)- St. Joseph's Central School at Vijayanagar bagged the Champions of the Year trophy at the 33rd Carol Singing Competition, organised by Carmel Catholic Association (CCA), Mysuru, at Teresian College auditorium in Siddarthanagar here yesterday.

Prizes were distributed to the winners of various categories by *Star of Mysore* Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna last evening.

Vikram Muthanna and Mysore Diocesan Educational Society (MDES) Secretary Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha extended Christmas wishes.

Chief Human Resources Officer of Infosys Shaji Mathew and CCA Committee Member Sade Bose were felicitated on the occasion. CCA Patron Rev. Fr. Augustine Payampalli CMI, CCA President Prof. Joseph Mathew, Secretary M.K. Johnny and others were present.

Infosys Chief Human Resources Officer Shaji Mathew, who was felicitated, is seen with MDES Secretary Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha and** Star of Mysore **Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna.

Prize Winners

Kindergarten: NPS International School (First), St. Joseph's Nursery School, Jayalakshmipuram (Second) and Good Shepherd Convent English Nursery School, Lashkar Mohalla (Third).

1st to 4th Std: NPS International School (First); St. Joseph's School (CBSE), Jayalakshmipuram (Second) and Holy Family Public School, Hunsur (Third).

5th to 7th Std:(English): St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar (First); Good Shepherd Convent English Higher Primary School, Lashkar Mohalla (Second) and St. Joseph's School (CBSE), Jayalakshmipuram (Third).

5thto 7thStd: (Kannada/other regional languages): St.Arnold Central School, Sathagalli (First); St. Joseph's School (CBSE), Jayalakshmipuram (Second) and Teresian Higher Primary School, Siddarthanagar (Third).

8th to 10th Std: (English): St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar (First); Presentation Public School, Rammanahalli (Second) and Flos Carmeli Convent, Old Kesare (Third).

8th to 10th Std: (Kannada/other regional languages): St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar (First); St. Joseph's School (CBSE), Jayalakshmipuram (Second) and St. Joseph's Central School (Mathias Campus), Bannimantap (Third)

PU College (English, Kannada/other regional languages): St. Philomena's PU College (Tamil), Bannimantap (First); St. Philomena's PU College (English), Bannimantap (Second) and Teresian PU College, Siddarthanagar (Third).

UG/PG College (English): Pushpashrama Institute of Philosophy and Religion, R.S. Naidu Nagar (First); Kripalaya Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Bogadi (Second) and St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram (Third).

UG/PG College (Kannada and other regional languages): Pushpashrama Institute of Philosophy and Religion, R.S. Naidu Nagar (First) and Kripalaya Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Bogadi (Second).

Church/Parish (English): CSI St. Bartholomew's Church, Mysuru (First); St. Joseph's Cathedral, Lashkar Mohalla (Second) and Virgin of the Poor Church, Bannimantap (Third).

Church/Parish (Kannada and other regional languages): Virgin of the Poor Church, Bannimantap (First); Yesu Krupalaya Church, Ramakrishnanagar (Second) and Infant Jesus Church, Pushpagiri (Third).

Professionals: St. Teresa of Calcutta Church, Rajivnagar (First); Angles (St. Joseph's College of Nursing), Bannimantap (Second), De Paul International Residential School, Belagola (Third) and Presentation Public School, Rammanahalli (Third).

Champions of the Year: St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar.

St. Bartholomew's Church Choir posing with the winners trophy in the Churches (English) category.

Jakkur flight school

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"There had been a proposal during the H.D. Kumaraswamy coalition Government to hand over the Mysore Airport to the Indian Air Force (IAF) to set up its Helicopter Training Centre. I personally intervened and cancelled the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the Ministry of Defence and the Airports Authority of India (AAI). Now again the proposal has come back to life," he said

"Using Mysore Airport as GFTS would cripple the region's future growth. It will bring restrictions in several forms, and flight operations will be hit. This will result in all sorts of permissions being required to operate civilian flights from the Airport.

"Mysuru is a key tourist hub, a traffic junction for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, and an entry point to Kodagu. Any conversion for flight training will negatively impact tourism and regional connectivity," he noted.

Mysore Airport currently spans 507 acres, with the State Government acquiring additional land of over 150 acres for runway expansion to handle larger aircraft.

"During my tenure, Rs. 319 crore was released for Airport expansion, which is now underway. Shifting GFTS here makes no sense. It could be relocated to Shivamogga or Hassan Airports, where such conflicts won't arise," Simha added.

Fountains Shut at KRS

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Some visitors said they were forced to turn back from the parking lot itself after being informed by attendants that the fountains were not working.

Others, who paid the entry and parking fees, entered the Gardens only to find empty fountains, broken pipes and an overall lack of colour, prompting criticism of the authorities for charging fees without providing the main attraction. Over Rs. 3 crore was spent in 2023 to repair the fountains.

KERS hydraulic model study

The Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL), which manages the KRS Dam and Brindavan Gardens, has not issued any official statement explaining the disruption or announcing a timeline for resumption.

However, when *Star of Mysore* this morning contacted CNNL Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Farooq Ahmed he admitted that no media release had been issued to inform tourists.

He said the Hydraulic Division of the Karnataka Engineering Research Station (KERS), located within the KRS premises, is currently conducting hydraulic model studies, due to which the fountains have been kept non-functional.

"The hydraulic model study work began last Monday and the fountains have remained shut since then. We regret the inconvenience caused to tourists. The fountains are expected to resume functioning from Dec. 19, once the study is completed," he said.

With the New Year and Christmas holiday season approaching and large crowds expected, visitors have urged the authorities to restore the fountains at the earliest and ensure timely communication about maintenance shutdowns to avoid inconvenience.

All India Pension Adalat held

Mysuru, Dec. 15- South Western Railway (SWR) Mysuru Division conducted the All India Pension Adalat - 2025 today at the Office of the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Mysuru.

The Adalat was chaired by DRM Mudit Mittal. The proceedings were attended by Vishnu Gouda, Sr. DPO/Co-ord/MYS, Harshavardhana, Sr. DFM/MYS, and Pruthvi S. Hullatti, DFM & PRO/MYS, who redressed the grievances of the pensioners.

A total of 47 pensioners attended the Adalat. Thirty-two (32) cases were taken up for discussion, two new cases represented on the day of the Adalat. Out of these, 16 cases were disposed of on the spot, while the remaining cases are under examination and will be redressed at the earliest.

Parthasarathy, President of Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association, Mysuru, expressed satisfaction over the expeditious manner in which SWR Mysuru Division is addressing the grievances of pensioners.

The DRM assured that all pending grievances would be resolved at the earliest.

G. S. Swaminathan, General Secretary of the Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association, Mysuru, along with other Association members, also attended the Pension Adalat.

Pensioners presented their grievances during the Adalat, which were duly clarified and addressed by the Railway officials.

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'Bhagavad Gita reaching every household through Gita Talent Show'

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (VNS) - Bhagavad Gita has been reaching every household across different countries including USA through 'Gita Talent Show,' said Avadhoota Datta Peetham Senior Pontiff Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji here yesterday.

Speaking after inaugurating Gita Mythri Milana Karnataka 2.0 programme at Nada Mantapa in Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram premises here, he said that the event was being organised successfully for the past 10 years, which has been attracting a lot people including children who have memorised Bhagavad Gita.

"Children have been answering questions with ease for queries asked either from the middle, top or with respect to chapters. Apart from USA, people have been participating with utmost dedication in Europe, Dubai, Canada and West Indies," said Swamiji.

He added that the programme which started with a small group has now grown largely with about 40,000 to 50,000 people filling up the stadiums to participate in the event to take Bhagavad Gita to every household in making *Ghar Ghar Gita* a successful event.

International Working President and Gita Parivar Programme Director Dr. Ashuji Goyal, National Vice-President and South Regional Head Hari Narayanji Vyas and others were present.

Pt. Jayateerth Mevundi performs at MITT

Pt. Jayateerth Mevundi from Hubballi presenting a Hindustani classical vocal recital at MIT Thandavapura (MITT) on Dec. 3. He is accompanied by Keshav Joshi on tabla and Gaurav Gadiyar on harmonium.

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Maharaja Institute of Technology Thandavapura (MITT), along with SPICMACAY (Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Among Youth), had organised a music concert at its premises on Dec. 3.

Renowned vocalist of international fame, **Pt. Jayateerth Mevundi** from Hubballi presented Hindustani classical vocal recital. He was accompanied on tabla by **Keshav Joshi** and on harmonium by **Gaurav Gadiyar.**

Institution Principal Dr. Y.T. Krishnegowda spoke about institutions like IIT, IIMs, IISc etc., organising such programmes and introducing them in their institution helps in creating awareness about India's arts, music and culture among students.

MET Trust Joint Secretary Dr. H.K. Chetan and Programme Coordinator Dr. B.K. Venkatesh were present.

Five-day Niranthara Ranga Utsava in city from Dec. 17

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (VNS)- The five-day Niranthara Ranga Utsava, organised by Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, will be held at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises from Dec. 17 to 21.

Dec. 17 (6.15 pm): Poet & Thinker S.G. Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the Fest. Senior theatre person Rameshwari Verma and Prasad Kundur of Niranthara will be present.

Dec. 18 (6.15 pm): Poet & Senior Journalist G.P. Basavaraju and Department of Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will take part in the stage programme.

Dec. 19 (6.15 pm): Theatre Artiste Rajappa Dalavai and Srinivasu Palahalli of Niranthara will take part in the stage programme.

Dec. 20 (6.15 pm): Dr. D. Vijayalakshmi, Professor, Maharaja's College and Department of Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will take part in the stage programme.

Dec. 21 (6.15 pm): Valedictory ceremony. Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Senior Theatre Director Chidambara Rao Jambe, Thinker Devanura Basavaraju and M.M. Suguna of Niranthara will be present.

The five-day Theatre Festival will feature the following cultural programmes and plays:

DECEMBER 17

5.30 pm: Jade Kolata by Manava Team, Hassan.
7 pm: Staging of the play 'Nanna Tejaswi' (based on Rajeshwari Tejaswi's autobiography)
Troupe: Kalamadhyama, Bengaluru
Music: B.J. Bharat
Theatre Adaptation, Design and Direction: B.M. Giriraj

DECEMBER 18

Ravi Shankar Junaid Khan Rishi

5.30 pm: B.V. Karanth's Theatre Songs presentation by Devanand Varaprasad & Niranthara Team.
7 pm: 'Naada Sanje' jugalbandi by Ravi Shankar Mishra on Flute, Junaid Khan on Sitar and Rishi Prasad on Tabla (Austin, Texas, USA).

DECEMBER 19

5.30 pm: Srinivas Bhat's (Cheeni) Theatre Songs by Devanand Varaprasad and Niranthara Team.
7 pm: Staging of the play 'Prathi Gandharva'
Troupe: Vrutti Rangabhumi Rangayana, Davanagere.
Writer: Rajappa Dalavai
Music: Ravi Mururu
Direction: Malatesh Badiger

DECEMBER 20

5.30 pm: Janapada and Tatvapada recital by Devanand Varaprasad and Niranthara Team.
7 pm: Staging of the play 'Goruru' (based on Goruru Ramaswamy Iyengar's 'Namma Oorina Rasikaru' and other works)
Troupe: Niranthara, Mysuru
Music: Digvijaya Heggodu
Theatre Adaptation, Design and Direction: Manjunath L. Badiger

DECEMBER 21

5.30 pm: Veeraghase performance by Naveen Kumar and Team, Kadur.
7 pm: Stating of play 'Kodalla Andre Kodalla' (based on Dario Fo's 'Can't pay, Won't pay)
Troupe: Nirdiganta, Srirangapatna
Music: Anush Shetty; **Concept, Design and Direction:** Shakeel Ahmed

53 Mysuru district master athletes for State-level Championship

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Mysore District Masters Athletics Association (MDMAA) had organised track suit distribution function at RNM Enterprises Office premises in Ashokapuram yesterday.

Senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, who was the chief guest, distributed the kits to 53 Mysuru district master athletes, who are taking part in Karnataka State Masters Athletics Championship to be held at Kolar on Dec. 20 and 21.

The track suits were sponsored by MDMAA Vice-President and International Athlete M. Yogendra, Vice-Presidents K. Parvathi and Channaiah.

Secretary B. Basavaraju welcomed and proposed a vote of thanks. President N. Sumana presided. Treasurer K.N. Somashekar, Organising Secretary M.P. Chandrashekar, EC Members B.N. Somashekar, B.R. Rani and senior-most athlete P.G. Chandrashekar (*Star of Mysore* Racing Correspondent PGC) were present.

Yogasana Championship

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (GA&TRR)- To commemorate its Silver Jubilee year, Vishwamanava Yoga Shikshana Samsthe has organised a National-level Yogasana Championship on Dec. 21 at Jaganmohan Palace in city.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city on Saturday, Vishwamanava Yoga Shikshana Samsthe President Yoga Kumar said that Dr. Lakshmi Srinivasa Guruji of Shirdi Saibaba Bhiksha Kendra will grace the inaugural function which will be inaugurated by MP Yaduveer Wadiyar at 11 am. Industrialist Govindegowda will preside. MLA G.T. Devegowda, senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, GSS Yogic Research Foundation Founder D. Srihari and others will be the chief guests.

Valedictory will be held at 5 pm. Bebi Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Trinethra Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji will grace the occasion. Industrialist Narayana Rao will preside. Former Minister M. Shivanna, Cauvery Hospital Medical Officer Dr. Dayanand, Mysore Yoga Okkuta Hon. President T. Jalendra Kumar and others will be the chief guests.

The Championship will be held in eight categories from 8 years to 56 years.

Winner of 'Champion of Champions' contest will conferred with the title 'Vishwamanava Champion,' a trophy and a certificate.

For details, contact Mob: 99001-54552 or 99160-99190.

VFA wins State-level Tournament

Vijayanagar Football Academy (VFA) from Mysuru, representing the Mysuru Division, won the DPDL State-level Football Tournament held at Khannur Vidyanikethan School Grounds in Haveri district recently. In their opening match, VFA defeated Swarna Football Academy of Mandya 2-1, then beat Dream United FA of Haveri 3-1 and finally, beat MSDF FA of Belagavi 1-0. VFA successfully defended the title which they won in the previous year as well. Shishir Shetty of VFA was named 'Best Striker of the Tournament.' Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***Eashaan Gowda, G. Harsha, Druv Vijendra, Suprith Prana, Marvin Dsouza, S. Ganav, Suhaan Utthappa, Shishir Shetty, Albert John, Aditya Gowda, Abhishek Muthanna and Hithesh Kumar;*** *(sitting from left)* ***Krishang Gowda, S. Om, Assistant Coach C.S. Johnson, Head Coach Jishnu H. Das, Hemanth Gowda and Nischith Gowda.***

NSS instils values beyond academics: Writer

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (BS)- Writer D.N. Krishnamurthy has said that the National Service Scheme (NSS) helps students take bold steps towards a life of self-reliance. He was speaking as a special invitee at the valedictory of the NSS Camp organised by Sri Nataraja Girls PU College at Gejjagalli on the outskirts of the city recently.

"Apart from academics, students learn various life-oriented values in NSS, which are essential for co-existence. Girl students must study with a clear purpose and commitment to society. Along with becoming responsible citizens, they should cultivate strong values," he advised.

He noted that while education shapes life, life itself teaches lessons. Parents who work hard to build their children's future should not be pushed towards anxiety or neglect. Students must take good care of their parents, he added.

Expressing concern over the rise in old-age homes due to brain drain, he said that providing opportunities to talented individuals can curb such migration. He stressed that NSS Camps should create awareness on education, environmental pollution and cleanliness. He also urged students to "preserve Kannada while learning English and cultivate the habit of reading books."

Ex-Gram Panchayat Member Lokesh arranged accommodation for 47 NSS volunteers at his residence. Village elders presented a file and pen to the volunteers.

Sri Nataraja Prathistana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presided. Senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar delivered valedictory address. NSS Programme Officer R. Radha & Nagalambika were present.

Sadvidya Institutions celebrate Annual Sports Day

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Sadvidya Educational Institutions (SEI), run by Kaveri Charitable Trust (KCT), celebrated their Annual Sports Day at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city on Dec. 13.

Chief guest Prof. N. Nagaraja, Registrar (Evaluation), University of Mysore and also an alumnus of SEI, recalled his school days and how Sadvidya Institutions have shaped his future. He also underscored the importance of sportsman spirit.

Guest of honour Akash Aradhya, Eklavya Awardee and International Ice and Roller Speed Skater, highlighted the role of his parents and teachers in achieving his goal in sports.

Presiding over the event, SEI and KCT President Prof. M.S.K. Narahari Babu motivated the students to participate in all the activities. He also said that the number of our students representing at State and National-level sporting activities is increasing every year.

Secretary M.D. Gopinath urged the students to get inspired by the chief guest and the guest of honour.

The programme commenced with a well-coordinated marchpast, where Sadvidya High School Band, Narayana Shastry Road, was adjudged the best team. For the first time, students performed yoga pyramid which was then followed by a synchronised band formation from both the branches of SEI.

Students participated enthusiastically in a variety of track and field events.

WORD OF THE DAY

Metonymy

Pronunciation: muh-TAH-nuh-mee (noun).
Meaning: Metonymy refers to a figure of speech in which a word that is associated with something is used to refer to the thing itself, as when crown is used to mean "king" or "queen."
Origin: When Mark Antony asks people of Rome to lend him their ears in Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar he is asking them to listen to him, not to literally allow him to borrow their ears. It's a classic example of the rhetorical device known as metonymy, which comes to English (via Latin) from the Greek word of the same meaning, metōnymia: the use of a word that is associated with something to refer to thing itself. Metonymy often appears in news articles and headlines, as when journalists use term crown to refer to a king or queen. Another common example is use of an author's name to refer to works written by that person, as in "They are studying Austen." Metonymy is closely related to synecdoche, which is a figure of speech in which the word for a part of something is used to refer to the thing itself (as in "need some extra hands for the project"), or less commonly, the word for a thing itself is used to refer to part of that thing (as when society denotes "high society").
Example: "The stick used to command the crowd is called a 'brigadier.' A brigadier is usually used to describe one who commands a military brigade, yes, but does not a stage manager lead his theater brigade? That's the idea, according to organizers. It was a term used so often to refer to a stick-wielding stage manager that, through magic of metonymy, stick itself is now referred to as a brigadier." —Emma Bowman, NPR, 6 Aug. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Macrotous

Big-eared.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Make a splash

Meaning: The expression "Make a splash" is used to talk about a person or event that makes a sudden, major impact and attracts a great deal of attention or becomes very well-known.
Origin: The origin of the phrase "Make a Splash" isn't known for certain, however, the term has been in popular since about the middle of the 20th century. It is commonly used in the UK and America.
Example: "Obama made quite a splash when he first ran for President!"

QUOTE BOX

It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend. **—William Blake**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

PEN sword

Answer : The pen is mightier than the sword.

SUDOKU

	7							
			8	7				4
9			3		2			
7		8	5	9			4	
		3				1		
	9			8	4	7		3
			4		8			6
8				1	5			
							8	

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	9	1	5	7	3	6	8
8	6	5	4	2	3	7	9	1
3	7	1	8	6	9	2	5	4
1	5	4	2	9	6	8	7	3
6	8	2	3	7	1	9	4	5
9	3	7	5	8	4	6	1	2
2	9	3	7	4	5	1	8	6
5	1	6	9	3	8	4	2	7
7	4	8	6	1	2	5	3	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

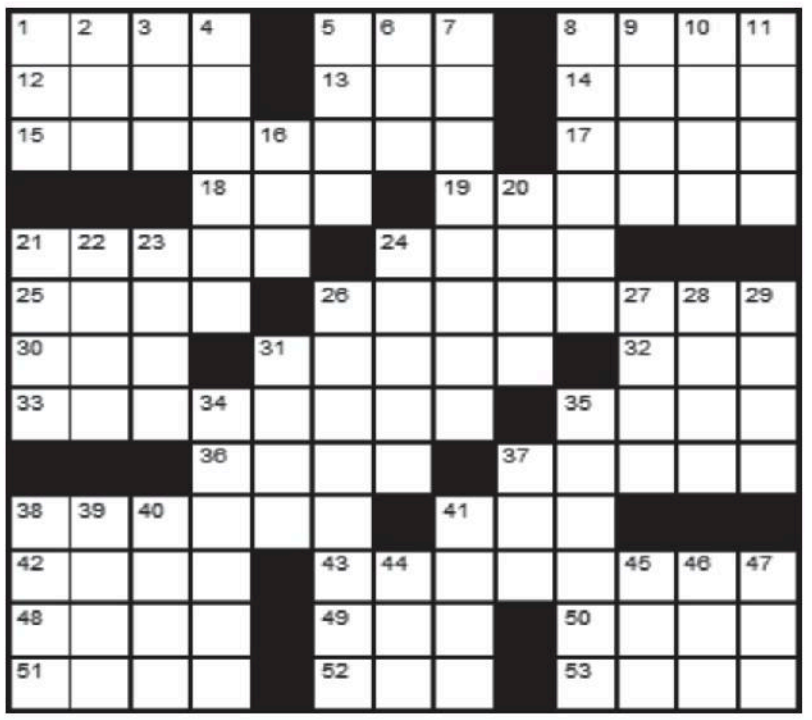
1 Cuts down
5 Garden tool
8 Obscene talk
12 Smell _ __ : suspect foul play (1,3)
13 To each his ___ : everyone is entitled to their own tastes?
14 Prefix meaning `to do with aircraft'
15 Barriers of artillery fire
17 One million: 'pref.'
18 Stomach muscles
19 Addicted
21 Sprite
24 Big vases
25 Biblical garden
26 Cheers or enlivens; encourages
30 Little Ronald
31 Sheep-like
32 Off. Training Sch.
33 Stretch
35 Region
36 Tennis star Nastase
37 Swaying dances
38 Glossy coating
41 Robot drama by Karel Capek
42 Pavement edge
43 Not fit to be consumed
48 Wicked
49 Snare
50 Greenish blue
51 Broad valley
52 Deity - the Almighty
53 Chief player

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	P	T	■	E	D	D	A	■	P	A	G	E
F	O	E	■	M	O	O	N	■	R	O	A	M
F	E	E	L	I	N	G	S	■	A	N	S	I
■	■	T	Y	R	O	L	■	A	D	E	P	T
E	B	E	N	■	R	E	C	T	O	■	■	■
P	E	R	C	H	■	G	A	S	■	T	B	D
H	E	E	H	A	W	■	R	E	G	A	L	E
A	N	D	■	L	O	P	■	A	R	J	U	N
■	■	■	F	L	O	O	D	■	A	M	E	S
T	O	O	L	S	■	T	E	S	S	A	■	■
A	N	N	A	■	D	E	C	I	P	H	E	R
C	A	E	N	■	O	N	A	N	■	A	T	M
O	M	S	K	■	S	T	Y	E	■	L	S	S

DOWN

1 Fairy queen
2 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
3 Armed hostilities
4 Tension
5 Eats like a pig?
6 Run a tab
7 Sanctify
8 Indian snack
9 Mild and humble
10 Impulse or drive or desire?
11 Frog-like creature
16 White House nickname
20 This one's __ __ : I'll pay the bill? (2,2)
21 Pop in Paris
22 Graven image
23 Strange as a prefix
24 Join together
26 ____ of : benefiting from?
27 Instrument that helps you to do a job
28 Sicilian volcano
29 Nav. readings
31 Look amorously at?
34 Spry or agile
35 Swiss city
37 Head-up Disp.
38 ___ out : made last longer?
39 Famous Russian river - "vane" anagram?
40 Seed appendage
41 "Retired" in short?
44 Modern prefix
45 A cricket extra
46 Ancient Roman household deity
47 Rock musician Brian



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UCZKPUH PX ICWV SPQQPNMEZ, OUS ZKVWVQCWV

ICWV JWVNPCMX, ZKOU ZC FV OFEV ZC SVNPSV.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Never ask a barber if he thinks you need a haircut.

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  Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Mahasenha (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H) - 3 Shows

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Padmagandhi (K)	(S-1)	9.30 am
Akhanda 2 (Te)	(S-1)	12.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.25 pm
	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-2)	12.50 pm
The Devil (K)	(S-2)	9.30 am, 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.05 pm
	(S-4)	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 3.55 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	(S-2)	4.50 pm
Padayappa (Ta)	(S-3)	12 noon
Vishwaroopini Shree Vasavi (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Devil (K)	:	9.25 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm
		3.40 pm, 4.45 pm, 6.50 pm, 7.45 pm
		9.15 pm, 10 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	12.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 7.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

The Devil (K)	:	8.30 am, 8.55 am, 10.20 am
		11.55 am, 12.10 pm, 1.45 pm
		3.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.45 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.20 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9 am, 9.30 am, 1.45 pm, 5.30 pm
		6 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Sholay: The Final Cut (H)	:	1.15 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	5.10 pm
Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H)	:	7.35 pm
Tere Ishk Mein (H)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Devil (K)	:	8.05 am, 8.40 am, 11.30 am
		12.05 pm, 2.55 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.10 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.45 am, 2 pm, 6.15 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 15)

- **Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** 25th edition of MyBuild-25 Exhibition, **up to 9 pm;** Valedictory, Maharaja's College Grounds, **5 pm.**
- **Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy:** 70th Kannada Rajyotsava Sambhrama and felicitation to Rajyotsava awardees, writer and Kannada Professor Dr. Mysore Krishnamurthy inaugurates, Sanskrit Scholar and Academy President Dr. H.V. Nagaraj Rao presides, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti, Devaranama by R. Krishnan and troupe, **5.30 pm;** Sri Sita Rama Lakshmana Hanumanta Devara Uyyalotsava, **7 pm onwards;** Violin recital by Malavi Manjunath and troupe, Temple premises, **7 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Nruthya Eesha, Mysuru:** Eesha Nrutyotsava, 3rd anniversary celebrations, Raghuleela School of Music Director Sunitha Chandrakumar inaugurates, Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. R. Girish Chandra guest of honour, Government PU College retd. Principal Naviluru Prakash presides, Nruthya Eesha Founder-Director Harish Kumar will be present, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Nritya Vidyapeeta, Mysuru:** 16th Anniversary celebrations, 'Nartana Vrikshavali - 2025' and 'Ashtavidha Nayikeyara Kathana - A Visual Poem,' Choreography & Direction and Nattuvanga - Guru Vidu. C. N. Anitha, Vocal - Vid. V. Suraj Lal (Kerala), Nayana Nagaraj (Mysuru), Mridanga - Vid. Kalamandalam Jithin Jaimon, Flute - Vid. Srihari Kottakkal, Rhythm Pad - Gurudath Hunsuru, Comperes - K.G. Amitha and M.K. Shobha; Inauguration by Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, senior dance guru and recipient of the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award-2025; Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, presides, Shobha Balakrishna, G.K. Kamala and Guru Vidu. C.N. Anitha distinguished guests; Conferring of 'Bharata Kesari - 2025' award on Nalini Kumari Devayira (Kodagu) — recipient of the Bharata Kesari Award and retired officer of the Indian Reserve Police with 21 years of service, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Sankashtahara Ganapati Temple, BEML Nagar, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;** Mysuru Yogalaya, D.S. Mansion, #1, 13th Block, SBM Layout, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 16)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Swati Puja, Sankalpa Homa, **9 am;** Theertha-Prasada viniyoga, **1.30 pm;** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Special Cell for Scheduled Castes and Schedules Tribes, University of Mysore (UoM):** Manasa Youth Empowerment 2025-26, workshop on Youth Empowerment and Employment, Nitesh Patil, Regional Commissioner, Mysuru Division, Mysuru and Administrator, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Mysuru, inaugurates, Prof. N.K. Lokanath, VC, UoM, presides, M.K. Savitha, Registrar, UoM, Prof. N. Nagaraja, Registrar (Evaluation), UoM and K.S. Rekha, Finance Officer, UoM, will be present, Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Auditorium, Senate Bhavana, Manasagangothri, **10 am.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Mysuru and Astikya Foundation:** National Puppetry Festival - Mysore 2025, inauguration of Puppet Workshop, G.K. Jayaram, Author and Founder-Managing Director of ILID, Bengaluru and Shashidhar Adapa, acclaimed Production and Puppet Designer, chief guests, Rameshwari Verma, renowned theatre exponent, presides, Hardwicke School campus, JLB Road, **11 am.**
- **Alpha Lead Academy:** Special workshop on defence columns and articles for the journalists (Reporters, Editors & Columnists) of Mysuru by Group Captain Abhinav Chaturvedi (retd.), Founder of Alpha Lead Academy, Bannur Road, Mysuru and a retired Air Force Officer, Academy premises, **11 am.**
- **Rotary Mysore English Medium School, Dattagalli:** 'Rotary Rhythm,' 10th Annual Day celebration 2025-26, C.V. Gopinath, former Additional Secretary to the Government of India, chief guest, Rtn. S. Ravishankar, President, Rotary Mysore, guest of honour, Rtn. Gp. Capt. K.S. Chandrashekhar, Chairman of the School, presides, Kalamandira, **4 pm.**
- **Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti, devotional songs by Parashiva and troupe, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by Poorvaj Vishwanath and troupe, Temple premises, **7 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Sankashtahara Ganapati Temple, BEML Nagar, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;** Mysuru Yogalaya, D.S. Mansion, #1, 13th Block, SBM Layout, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

The Devil (K)	:	7.50 am, 8.50 am, 11.15 am
		12.15 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.05 pm, 7.05 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.10 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K)	:	3.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.50 am, 2 pm
		6.10 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

The Devil (K)	:	7.40 am, 8.40 am, 11.05 am
		12.05 pm, 2.30 pm, 3.30 pm
		5.55 pm, 6.55 pm
		9.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	9.05 am, 3.30 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 am, 2.10 pm
		6.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Peotu (K)	:	12.25 pm

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